

CITY OF NEWARK
Newark, Delaware

TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING
November 18, 2008
3:30 p.m.

Members Present: Chief Paul Tiernan, M/Cpl. Curtis Davis, Carol Houck, Patricia Fogg, Rich Lapointe, Rick Vitelli, Tom Sciulli, Tom Parkins, Marvin Howard

Absent: Lt. George Stanko, Dave Gula

Guests: Jean White, Newark Resident

1. REQUEST FOR A TRAFFIC LIGHT AT THE CASHO MILL ROAD UNDERPASS TO HELP WITH ALTERNATING TRAFFIC.

Chief Tiernan said this request was received from a resident.

Pat Fogg said she feels traffic alternates smoothly at this location. Tom Sciulli said he does not feel a traffic light is needed at this location. Rich Lapointe indicated if a traffic light was installed at this location both directions would need to be censored.

MOTION BY TOM SCIULLI, SECONDED BY PATRICIA FOGG TO DENY A TRAFFIC LIGHT AT THE CASHO MILL ROAD UNDERPASS.

MOTION PASSED. VOTE: 9 TO 0.

2. REQUEST TO REVIEW THE POSTED SPEED LIMIT ON W. CHESTNUT HILL ROAD.

Chief Tiernan said this request was received from a resident.

M/Cpl. Davis said W. Chestnut Hill Road is enforced regularly. Carol Houck suggested providing the resident with statistics that support our enforcement on this road. M/Cpl. Davis said statistics of enforcement frequency and the number of tickets issued could be provided. M/Cpl. Davis also said a new standard will be implemented soon that will replace the old "Reduced Speed Sign Ahead" with a more noticeable sign.

Chief Tiernan asked M/Cpl. Davis to email the statistics to the resident.

3. DISCUSS WAYS TO IMPROVE THE INTERSECTION OF N. COLLEGE AVENUE AND CLEVELAND AVENUE DUE TO THE CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC.

M/Cpl. Davis said there was a discussion to request that DelDOT add a pedestrian only cycle at this intersection. The downside to a pedestrian only cycle is that it eliminates vehicular movement and reduces the timing of the cycle by 15 to 20 seconds. Tom Parkins said he feels the pedestrian only cycle would help to speed up traffic on Cleveland Avenue. Rich Lapointe said that if a traffic light was installed at Wilbur Street and Cleveland Avenue this would reroute N. College Avenue traffic to Wilbur Street by allowing more left turns onto Cleveland Avenue, thus causing traffic to flow more freely on Cleveland Avenue. Tom Parkins feels that by adding an additional light on Cleveland Avenue would slow traffic down. Rick Vitelli made a suggestion to have DelDOT review both recommendations. M/Cpl. Davis said that it would be more beneficial to have the three main intersections; N. College Avenue at Cleveland Avenue, N. College Avenue at Main Street and Delaware Avenue at S. College Avenue configured the same way for consistency.

MOTION BY CAROL HOUCK, SECONDED BY TOM SCIULLI, TO SEND A LETTER TO DELDOT REQUESTING A PEDESTRIAN ONLY CYCLE THE THREE MAIN INTERSECTIONS; N. COLLEGE AT CLEVELAND AVENUE, N. COLLEGE AVENUE AT MAIN STREET AND DELAWARE AVENUE AT S. COLLEGE AVENUE.

MOTION PASSED. VOTE: 9 to 0

There being no further business, Chief Tiernan called for a motion to adjourn.

MOTION BY TOM SCIULLI, SECONDED BY RICH LAPOINTE, TO ADJOURN.

MOTION PASSED. VOTE: 9 TO 0.

Paul M. Tiernan, Chairman